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## **Governor signs Sen. Cropsey's drug-court bill**

**LANSING** – Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, recently had his legislation that allows the creation of drug-treatment courts signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

“Annually, 80 percent of all crimes committed are done by people abusing drugs and alcohol,” Cropsey said. “My hope is that drug-treatment courts will begin reducing these 800,000 crimes per year and keep all of us from becoming victims of substance abusers.”

The drug courts will offer supervised treatment programs for people who abused or were dependent on alcohol or a controlled substance. The program would integrate alcohol and other drug treatment.

Cropsey said even better drug-treatment courts will save taxpayers money. While the cost of housing a prisoner with substance-abuse problems costs between \$20,000 and \$50,000 a year with an additional \$80,000 for building the prison cell, drug court costs run between \$2,500 and \$4,000 per offender annually, according to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Additionally, the association reports the recidivism rate for those who complete drug court programs ranges from 4 percent to 29 percent as opposed to 48 percent for regular prisoners.

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